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fine tune ATSO
at Red Devil**





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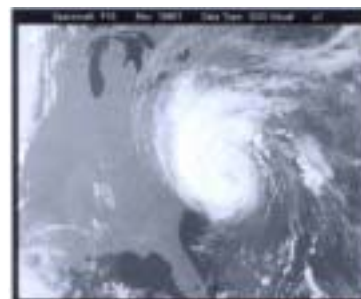
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CC shares views on exercise, survey, holidays

By Col. Richard R. Moss
302nd Airlift Wing commander

Last month during the UTA we conducted Peak Spirit 03. Overall, it was a great exercise. We deployed approximately 300 personnel to Red Devil in the Fort Carson complex. Personnel received excellent training from our Readiness folks on the new concept of operation concerning the Ability To Survive and Operate. I want to thank everyone who worked to put the exercise together and also to all who participated on their excellent attitude and cooperation. The exercise did point out some things we need to work on in the future. Personnel did not have all the required training equipment. Some personnel were not familiar with basic ATSO procedures and needed to learn the basics before they could effectively

participate in the exercise. These are two areas that are the unit's and the individual's responsibility to ensure personnel are ready to meet any tasking that might come down. I need everyone's help to correct these two areas. If you need equipment or training, identify it to your unit so we can purchase the equipment or get you the required training.

There is another thing I would like help in completing. The Air Force is conducting a climate survey to identify areas that can be improved. For the first time, the Reserve component is included as part of the survey. Personnel can use a government computer to go to the web (<http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>) to complete the survey by Nov. 23. This is your chance to make your views known and to make a difference; use it.

Our next big task, other than numerous

deployments in support of our Air Force, is to get ready for our Unit Compliance Inspection in September 2004. We have received the final report from the 22nd AF Staff Assistance Visit. The report basically states what we knew—we are a great wing. Although there were numerous observations, the majority of them are things that are simple to fix. Let's get started now to not only correct the observation, but also refine the process to ensure we do things right all the time.

We are beginning the holiday season—a time to celebrate and enjoy time with our loved ones. Stress safety in everything you do—both at home and at work. You, and your families, are too valuable to have some lapse of safety consciousness ruin your holiday season. Be safe.

Thanks for all you do supporting the Wing, the Air Force and the nation.

Thanks may be the cure

By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson
302nd Airlift Wing Chaplains Office

Feeling a lingering sense of disappointment that you just can't seem to shake? Things are going relatively well but there is a disillusioned restlessness rumbling around deep in your heart? Here is an amusing story that may help.

Once upon a time, a person discovered the barn where the devil keeps all of his diabolical seeds, ready to sow them in the human heart. A close inspection revealed that the seeds of discouragement were more numerous than any other seeds. These seeds of disappointment were so plentiful because they could be cultivated almost anywhere. When Satan was quizzed he reluctantly admitted that there was one place in which these hardy seeds would not thrive.

"And where is that?" came the curious query. Sadly the devil divulged, "These seeds of disappointment never take root in the heart of a grateful person."

Thankfulness leaves no room for discouragement. That's why scripture gives this insight, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Feeling discouraged? Spend some time today thanking God for simple things: the smell of the pines, the wind in your hair, the sun on your face and the laugh of a child. An intentional focus of thanksgiving can work wonders, invigorating dry souls with new joy-filled appreciation.

In this thanksgiving season, why not try it. What do you have to lose? You won't be disappointed!

Wing helps its own this season with "Care and Share" program

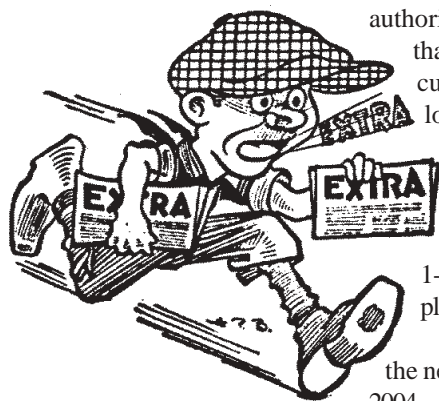
By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson
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November is the month we traditionally start our "Care and Share program." The Thanksgiving season is not only a time to reflect upon the blessings of the last year but also a time to share our good fortune with others who may be experiencing difficulty. We have been blessed to in turn be a blessing to others.

This November UTA you have a special opportunity to share a gift that can last the whole year. Collection buckets for monetary donations are at unit orderly rooms. Or if you wish, come by the chaplain's office to donate. A voluntary donation of one dollar by every wing member would go a long ways to help with the "Care and Share" effort. Of course, donations larger than a dollar will gladly be accepted.

All contributions go directly to wing members experiencing extenuating needs. To apply for consideration for Care and Share funds or if you are aware of someone with a special need please contact your first sergeant.

Thank you so much for your generosity. Your willingness to share makes a big difference! Have a wonderful and blessed holiday season!



authorized vendors at this time that should be used to procure the name tags are: the local Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Vanguard—1-800-221-1264; Ira Green—1-800-663-7487; Sayre Enterprise—1-800-552-6064 and the Supply Room—1-800-458-5180. Mandatory wear date of the new name tag is January 1, 2004.

Spouse award

Nominations are now being accepted for the Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year Award. The award period is for January 1 through December 31, 2003. The award is sponsored by the Air Force Association and recognizes the significant contributions made by spouses of Air Force military members. The nominee's husband or wife, must be serving in the Air Force, this includes the Reserve components. Military members, active duty or Reserve components, are not eligible.

For more information about this award or how to nominate someone, please contact Technical Sgt. Anthony Garcia at 556-7555.

AF metallic name tag

The new metallic name tag for wear on the service dress uniform and pullover sweaters became available for purchase in November 2002. Organizations will purchase and issue in-kind an initial issue of one each for all assigned enlisted personnel. Use of the government purchase card is authorized for procurement as long as the total purchase does not exceed the micro purchase threshold of \$2,500. Use the AF Form 9, Request for Purchase, for those requirements exceeding \$2,500. Officers will purchase their own name tags. The only

Official MyPay site

All members need to ensure they're accessing the proper MyPay website. The official web site address is <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. All members are encouraged to double check the web site before entering any personal information.

New ribbon

The Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon will be awarded to Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard members who completed a contingency deployment after Oct. 1, 1999. Individuals must have deployed for 45 consecutive days or 90 nonconsecutive days to qualify. Any contingency deployment qualifies regardless of the duty or locations, including those within the continental United States. There is no time limit to accumulate the 90 nonconsecutive days. People should report to their serving military personnel flight once they return from deployment to validate ribbon entitlement.

For more information, see the Air Force Print News article at <http://www.af.mil/stories/story.asp?storyID=123005685> or visit the Air Force Personnel Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards/>.

New web system

A new Web-based system will

integrate all military personnel and pay systems. The Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System will provide "one-stop shopping" for servicemembers when fully begun. The system will absorb the 79 systems into one Web-based system accessible to all who need to view those records, including servicemembers themselves. The Department of Veterans Affairs will use the records after the servicemember leaves the military.

For more information, see Defense Link article at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Sep2003/n09292003.html>.

Holiday mailing dates

Deadlines for sending mail from the United States to overseas military mailing addresses for the holidays recommended by the Military Postal Service Agency are:

- Parcel post by Nov. 13
- Space-available mail by Nov. 28
- Parcel-airlift mail by Dec. 4
- Priority and first class letters or cards by Dec. 11

Properly package all shipments before sending them overseas and complete customs forms for all international mail.

Air Force Policy Letter Digest

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ered directly to your e-mail each month by clicking on the "Subscribe" tab at the top of Air Force Link at <http://www.af.mil>.

NCOLDP

The Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development program is offering its next session April 26 through May 7. Members must be an E-3 through E-7 and on annual tour or school tour orders. Via the program, members earn two semester hours of college credit in management from Central Texas College. To sign up, members must go through their supervisor and commander for a nomination. For more information, contact Master Sgt. William Miller at 556-7250.

Transcripts

Transcripts will no longer be sent to Community College of the Air Force from the Education and Training Office. Students will have to have the school they are attending send official transcripts directly to the following address to have credits applied to their CCAF degree: Community College of the Air Force; 130 West Maxwell Boulevard; Maxwell AFB, AL 36116-6613.

Senior NCO Academy

Anyone interested in attending the Senior NCO Academy in Fiscal Year 2004 must turn in their completed package to the wing education and training office no later than the December UTA. Check with your unit training manager for established criteria before turning in your package.

The Front Range Flyer staff is always looking for story ideas or suggestions. If you have any, please call 556-4117 or E-mail them at 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil.

AF tries reducing deployment discrepancies

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—Today's Air Force is expeditionary and all airmen should be prepared to deploy to support military operations worldwide, according to Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Peppe.

The majority of airmen arriving in an area of responsibility are ready to accomplish their mission, however, nearly 10 percent report for duty with some deviations to the required deployment items. Not all of them are mission-critical, but not having the current training, immunizations or proper uniforms places an unnecessary burden on commanders, said Peppe, special assistant to the chief of staff for air and space expeditionary forces.

"We want to improve those statistics and reduce the burden placed upon gaining commanders in the AOR and ensure that Air Force personnel are ready to work when they step off the plane," he said.

As of August this year, Air Force Reserve Command had 83 personnel deploy with at least one discrepancy.

"For the individual's protection, it is critical that everyone meets all deployment requirements prescribed by the theater commander," said Col. Richard R. Moss, 302nd

Airlift Wing commander. "The only acceptable level is no discrepancies. So far, we [wing members] have done a great job of ensuring this."

The AEF concept has been in place for Air Force deployments for more than five years. The requirements for operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom have been in place for 18 months and 5 months, respectively, Peppe said. He believes a better job must be done when preparing for deployments.

"We have tremendous airmen and superb leadership," he said. "I know we can do this better."

Taking responsibility is the key to showing up fully prepared to do the job, Peppe said.

"If you are vulnerable to deploy in an AEF pair, you need to be ready to go," Peppe said. "You have to do everything possible to be prepared, whether it be uniforms, immunizations, having your will up to speed or making sure all of your ancillary training is complete. All requirements must be taken into account."

Peppe also said he believes commanders should take a look at their people before they deploy.

"Commanders are responsible for how their people depart the home station for a temporary duty assignment no matter where

it is in the world," he said. "It's up to them to make sure that their people are up to speed and the (AOR-specific checklists) are followed."

Peppe has made sure the Air Force is doing the best job it can of informing people about deployment requirements.

"We've had problems in the past because all of our checklists weren't the same," he said. "You could look in three different Air Force instructions and find slightly different checklists."

Because of this, the Air Force vice chief of staff streamlined the checklist and broke down the items into two categories - mission-critical and non-mission-critical, Peppe said.

"We didn't arbitrarily decide what was MC and non-MC," he explained. "The users, Air Force component commands, decided what an individual has to have to be functional when they show up in a given AOR. These inputs were then coordinated through the major commands before being categorized into a checklist."

The vice chief of staff's message, sent to the local personnel readiness units, also lists common discrepancies and serves as the interim deployment guidance until the instructions can be revised.

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Changes limit number of training periods per quarter

WASHINGTON—Changes went into effect Oct. 1 limiting the number of inactive duty for training periods a reservist may perform during a three-month quarter.

The changes provide a training schedule policy for all members of Air Force Reserve Command. They provide senior managers better management of training resources, according to Noah Gibson, chief of education, training and readiness policy in the Office of Air Force Reserve's personnel programs and training division.

"This shouldn't affect too many of our wing members," said

Lt. Col. Charlton English, 302nd Missions Support Flight commander. "It will probably only impact members on extended mandays with Air Force Space Command. In the past they would fulfill their 179-day orders and then spend the next few weeks making up missed UTAs; this will no longer be acceptable. Our 731st Airlift Squadron members may also be impacted due to their unique flying and training commitments."

Under the new policy, individual mobilization augmentees who are required to perform 48 inactive duty for training periods per year will be authorized a maxi-

mum of 16 IDT periods per quarter, not to exceed 48 training periods during the fiscal year. IMAs who must perform 24 IDTs per year will be authorized by their supervisor or program manager to schedule a maximum of eight training periods per quarter not to exceed 24 per fiscal year.

In the past, the number of training periods IMAs could schedule during a quarter was unrestricted.

The changes also require IMAs to project a yearly schedule of IDTs with supervisors not later than Aug. 15 for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 each year.

Unit commanders must pre-

pare their fiscal year IDT schedule for unit training assemblies not later than May 15 for the upcoming year. They are also limited to scheduling 16 training periods per quarter, not to exceed 48 periods per fiscal year.

Units must go through their numbered air force commander to request an exception to policy, and IMAs must seek approval from their program managers and the commander of the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

For more information, please see respective unit commanders. (*Air Force Reserve Command News Service*)

Wing tackles ATSO training at Peak Spirit 03

By Lt. Col. Clancy Preston
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing shifted into exercise mode with Peak Spirit 03 during the October UTA. Throughout the weekend more than 340 wing members arrived on scene at Camp Red Devil to master their ability to survive and operate procedures as well as face a variety of simulated-emergency and training inputs.

Planning for an exercise of this magnitude may appear chaotic to onlookers but is mostly hidden to actual participants. Planners, or Exercise Control Team members, logged countless hours to prepare a realistic and effective exercise for wing members.

Participants laden with C-bags loaded onto buses and traveled convoy style to the sparse camp on Fort Carson.

Tech. Sgt. Terry Brassard, one of the first out of the bus, placed a laptop on top of a full pallet for field-conditions and began staffing his make-shift lodging check-in desk. He then proceeded to issue cots and sleeping bags to incoming wing members while the PERSCO team simultaneously insured accountability for the players and exercise cadre alike.

As cots, sleeping bags and bodies began to fill the otherwise hollow build-

ings, which were supplied only with heat and electricity, the Survival Recovery Center, led by Lt. Col. Steve Kett, 302nd Mission Support Group commander, began to respond to the onslaught of inputs.

The SRC cranked up, emerging from the scattered chairs and stacked

coming at us right away," said Kett. "Like a lot of the control centers, this team hasn't worked together before. We started off rough around the edges, but within a few hours, we were a well-oiled machine."

Members of logistics readiness, security forces, civil engineering, personnel and many other specialties manned the SRC.

From defectors and accidents to air attacks and unexplained illnesses, the SRC faced several challenges. As the base nerve center, the SRC was tasked with making all the command decisions for the camp.

"It was challenging but our job was to ensure everyone still had the means to accomplish their mission, despite the inputs," said Kett.

Maj. Melinda Clearwater, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, agreed with Kett. "Lt. Col. Kett brought a lot of energy to the team that revived us when the inputs kept coming," said Clearwater.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault

"Deployed" wing members were loaded down with cots, sleeping bags and other field items to include their C-bag.

tables; phones were quality checked, status boards and maps were mounted to walls and exercise inputs began to roll in—decisions had to be made while an empty shell of a building was converted into a smooth running operation.

"The SRC hit the ground running with scenario inputs



During the base "attack," wing members incorporated the buddy system to get their gear on correctly.



Staff Sgt. Lissy Slazek stands ready for the next input during Peak Spirit 03. Slazek was one of the many deployed personnel who enjoyed an overnight stay at Camp Red Devil.

“Adapt, be flexible and keep your perspective,” became the phrases Kett repeated as he listened to each new input, took advice and chose a plan of action for each exercise situation.

Peak Spirit 03 exercises the various aspects of the wing’s mission and pulled members out from behind desks and stood them side-by-side.

“This exercise gave me an opportunity to work with people from all over the wing and find out what they do,” said Senior Master Sgt. Rick Kite, 302nd Operations Group superintendent. Kite, an exercise control team member, coordinated and evaluated the Tanker Airlift Control Element.

TALCE’s mission is to create a base infrastructure for follow-on military operations. They are the first ones in on the first aircraft and manage command and control, and once a more permanent structure is set up, the TALCE packs up and moves on.

TALCE roughed it in tents parallel to the dirt runway being used by the 731st

Airlift Squadron C-130 Hercules. “An airlift control flight is used to roughing it,” said Lt. Col. Mike Witherspoon, 302nd Airlift Control Flight commander, with pride in his voice.

Kite said he looks forward to future exercises where wing members can continue to get a chance to know each other and find out how each person fits into the exercise puzzle. “I just wasn’t expecting to enjoy myself this much,” said Kite.

As inputs continued to roll out, the red-hatted EC team observed the players’ responses with a keen eye noting their sense of urgency, buddy care steps and reactions to alarms.

One key task ECT members were evaluating was the new split Mission

Oriented Protection Posture procedures in the scenarios. Split MOPP enables parts of a base to continue operating in a different MOPP level rather than in years

past where the entire base might be paralyzed because of contamination. One area of a base may be in a different MOPP level than another area, based on the evaluation from the decontamination team. Transition points were marked at Camp Red Devil to let the participants know that they had reached a different sector and would require a different MOPP level.

As with any good exercise, just because the inputs stopped doesn’t mean the evaluation was over. Lt. Col. Terri Kett, 302nd Airlift Wing performance planner, the chief of the evaluation team, shared some of the team’s evaluation observations during a hotwash to help the wing learn from the experience.

“Although everyone had great attitudes and we accomplished some excellent training, we need to realize that not everyone would have survived,” said Kett. “There were just too many people who lacked the basic proficiency in using their protective gear in response to alarm conditions red (blue for this exercise) and black.”

Col. Richard Moss, 302nd AW commander, added, “These exercises are meant to fine-tune our wing procedures—they are not to be treated as someone’s initial training.” Moss continued, “We must be ready and we must have the right equipment and wear it correctly.”



Master Sgt. Jeffrey Flight, Tanker Airlift Control Element, assists with the combat loading of one of the wing’s C-130s that landed on the dirt runway during the exercise.

Readiness shows off new decontamination process at Red Devil

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

Exercise Peak Spirit kicked off the ability to survive and operate training during the October UTA, taking place at Camp Red Devil, Fort Carson. The readiness flight introduced their new \$30,000 Chemical Air Processing System

that re-fines the decontamination procedures.

The ATSO training consisted of five training stations with the CAPS station as the final destination point for members exposed to hazardous conditions during chemical attack.

While processing through CAPS and a contamination control area that included five decontamination zones, members systematically removed chemical protective clothing until thoroughly decontaminated at the last zone.

"Each zone is considered a step in the process toward complete decontamination," said Master Sgt. Charles Keller, 302nd Civil Engineer Readiness Flight. "The more zones a person passes through, the less contaminated they'll be. The first zone is obviously the hottest; the important thing is to wash their hands at each zone to prevent spreading

contamination from stage to stage."

At the CAPS area, members are marshaled to a holding tent before initial processing. At the first station, members remove anything not part of their protective gear.

While progressing through the zones, members employ the

buddy system to help each other remove protective outer garments and ensure



Using the buddy system, two wing members remove their gas masks as one of the latter steps during the decontamination process.

proper cleansing takes place. Once all protective outer garments are removed at the final station, the garments are dis-



The buddy system is a vital aspect of the Chemical Air Processing System. Here, two 302nd Airlift Wing members use it to safely remove possibly-contaminated overboots.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor

Members of the Exercise Control Team demonstrate the new decontamination procedures. One of the main objectives of Peak Spirit 03 was to introduce wing members to the new Chemical Air Processing System.

carded, and members are issued new protective gear in a real-world situation.

"This training provided me a sense of realism," said Staff Sgt. Melissa Preston, 302nd Airlift Wing safety office. "The hands-on training we received is a lot

better than learning about it in a classroom."

The CAPS concept is not new, according to Senior Master Sgt. John Coutee, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 302nd Civil Engineer Readiness Flight.

The idea of zone to zone decontamination processing was first introduced to the unit more than five years ago when the wing's life support section conducted a workshop for active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and NATO personnel.

"Life support's system is a little different from what we have here [Camp Red Devil]," said Coutee.

"These instructors were very informative," said Tech. Sgt. Barb Ross, 302nd AW chaplain's assistant. "I got a lot out of the training. We did a lot of this in the Army, and I feel I have a good grasp of this information."

Reserve keep eyes on Hurricane Isabel

1st Lt. Sheila Demboski
6th Space Operations Squadron

Hurricane Isabel wreaked havoc on the East coast of the United States as the 6th Space Operations Squadron assumed the role of "hot" back up for their Maryland-based primary operations center.

For 48 critical hours during the peak of Hurricane Isabel, the crews at 6th SOPS, Schriever Air Force Base, implemented 12-hour shifts during the storm in order to assure full coverage for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program constellation. After two and a half days, 6th SOPS had taken 50 percent of all DMSP sorties and collaterally delivered 100 percent of the vital user requested data.

"I am extremely proud of the reservists of the 6th SOPS for their outstanding 48-hour support of Hurricane Isabel," said Lt. Col. Mark Hustedt, 6th SOPS commander. "The precision of the DMSP data gave forecasters and authorities a 38-hour advance notice on resource protection activities and evacuation directives. There is no doubt that this vital information saved lives and resources."

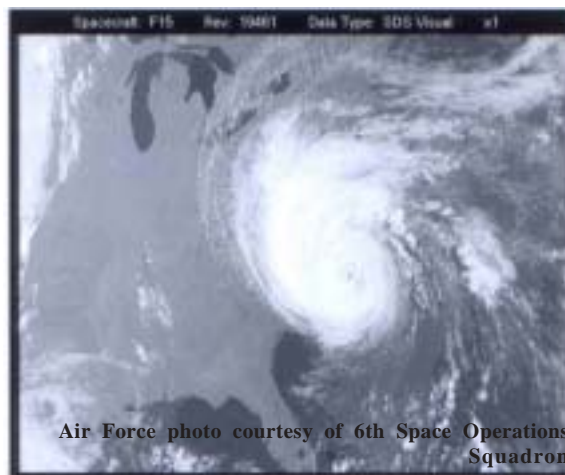
Born under a cloak of extreme secrecy in the early 1960s, shortly after Russia launched Sputnik, DMSP became the very first United States satellite in space in 1957.

The men and women of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Satellite Operation Control Center and the 6th SOPS provide command and control support for all DMSP satellites. The DMSP satellite constellation is designed to meet unique military and civilian requirements for worldwide weather and environmental information.

By providing essential environmental data to the National Hurricane Center and other vital users, the men and women of the 6th SOPS and NOAA SOCC paved the way for storm tracking and prediction, which maximized resource protection and aided in evacuation directives.

The 6th SOPS is a component of the Air Force Reserve, a unit within the 310th Space Group that augments the NOAA SOCC.

Environmental data is captured and delivered to the Air Force Weather Agency at



This is a sample of the imagery of Hurricane Isabel from the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program that the 6th Space Operations Squadron supplied forecasters and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration during the storm.

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and to the U.S. Navy's Fleet Numerical Meteorological and Oceanographic Center at Monterey, Calif.

The primary weather sensor on DMSP provides continuous visual and infrared imagery of cloud cover over a swath 1,600 nautical miles wide. Additional satellite sensors measure atmospheric vertical profiles of moisture and temperature.

Military and civilian weather forecasters use this data to monitor and predict regional and global weather patterns, including the presence of severe thunderstorms, hurricanes and typhoons. DMSP satellites also provide real-time payload data directly to deployed transportable receiving terminals worldwide.

During a

briefing to President George W. Bush and Mike Brown, Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security, Vice Admiral Conrad Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, spoke of the importance of role of all NOAA players:

"Without the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's excellent forecasts and end-to-end teamwork, Hurricane Isabel's toll on lives and property would have been even more devastating. NOAA's track forecast was outstanding.

"This is NOAA's first year of providing five-day forecasts and the five-day forecast for Isabel was as good as our two-day, fore-

casts have been over the last decade," he continued. "NOAA's rainfall and storm surge predictions were also very good.

"I hope everyone at NOAA shares the pride of being part of a team effort that so effectively warned the public of impending danger and enabled citizens to take action to protect themselves and their loved ones."



Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mike Meares

Master Sgt. Eric Harriel, 6th Space Operations Squadron flight chief, monitors telemetry of the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program. A satellite image of Hurricane Isabel is on a large screen in the background. 6th SOPS provided full coverage for the East Coast of the United States during the hurricane.

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

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0530 – 1000	Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180
0600 – 0730	“Jump Start” Fellowship	Sandy’s Restaurant	HC/6-7428
0730 – 1100	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 893 Conf Room	DPMSC/6-8185
0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
0900 – 1000	Unit Training Manager Mt	Bldg 895 Room 203	DPMT/6-7250
0900 – 1000	Wing Climate Assessment Council	731st Conf Room	ME/6-8180
0900 – 1000	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 350 Room 1052	DPMT/6-7250
1000 – 1045	Wing Training Planning	Bldg 895 Room 203	CCX/6-0142
1000 – 1600	Military Clothing Sales	Bldg 1466	LSM/6- 3227
1100 – 1730	Let’s Do Lunch!	Aragon Dinning Facility	SVS/6-4180
1100 – 1230	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
1200 – 1630	CWD Refresher	Bldg 1324 2nd Floor	CEX/6-7221
1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1300 – 1630	Newcomers Ancillary Training	Bldg 893 Conf Room	DPMSC/6-8185
1300 – 1600	Chaplain Available	Bldg 893 Room 143	HC/6-7428
2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180

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0530 – 1000	Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180
0730 – 1200	CWD Refresher	Bldg 1324 2nd Floor	CEX/6-7221
0800 – 0900	First Sergeants Meeting	Aragon Dining Facility	CCF/6-8307
0800 – 1200	First Duty Station Class	Bldg 895 Room 205	6-6215
0900 – 1100	3AO AFSC Training	Bldg 893 Wing Conf	SC/6-8192
1000 – 1100	Homosexual Policy Training	Bldg 893 Room 111	JA/6-8140
1100 – 1730	Let’s Do Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180
1200 – 1300	Multicultural Awareness Gp	Aragon Dining Facility	ME/6-6215
1215 – 1530	CDC / PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1300 – 1400	Commander’s SORTS Mt	Command Post CAT	CP/6-7369
1400 – 1500	3S0 AFSC Training	Bldg 893 Wing Conference	DPMS/6-7249
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Miss USA flies in



Photo by Lt. Col. Clancy Preston

Miss USA, Susie Castillo, stopped by to visit the members of the 302nd Airlift Wing during her Colorado 2003 USO Tour. In the cockpit of one of the wing's C-130s she met one of the wing's own spokespeople, Capt. Michael Cole.

Air Force Climate Survey to close late November

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The 2003 Air Force Climate Survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and provides everyone with an anonymous

way to "speak today; shape tomorrow." Although respondents are asked various demographic questions, the only one that will be included in the 302nd Airlift Wing report is the officer, enlisted and civilian category. All other demographic questions are only used for large aggregate reports such as MAJCOM and AF-levels.

This year's survey, which can be completed from a home computer, is available for all 302nd AW reservists and civilians through November 23rd. The address is <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>. For further information, contact Lt. Col. Terri Kett at 566-0142.

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"This should help commanders and airmen focus on those items that they have to have in order to be functional the day they walk off the airplane," he said. "Airmen and commanders can find additional information on AOR-specific requirements from the AEF Center's Web site."

"Complying with deployment requirement is sometimes hard for Reservists, because there are so many and so little time in which to get them all done," said Capt. Kristin Simpson, 302nd Logistics

Readiness Squadron, chief of plans. "But considering the alternatives, compliance is by far the easier route to take."

The Web site is restricted for dot-mil users only.

The first airmen to fall under this new guidance will be those deploying with the Blue AEF.

"We'll be looking to see how we do when those 16,000 people rotate into the different AORs," Peppe said. "Hopefully this new guidance will help both deploying airmen and the gaining commanders and eliminate the number of the discrepancies."

Historical activation



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano

Staff Sgt. Brian Day, right, and Staff Sgt. James Jernigan set up a satellite system in front of Air Force Space Command Headquarters Oct. 3. The two staff sergeants are satellite operators assigned to the 527th Space Aggressor Squadron. The unit had the satellite equipment on display to welcome the 26th Space Aggressor Squadron, which was activated and assigned to the 310th Space Group.

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Reservist brings it to the court

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault
Front Range Flyer

Raised with a love for tennis and a passion for patriotism, a local reservist has succeeded in both arenas.

Rob Kyker's father played #2 for the West Point Tennis Team, but upon graduation he transferred to the Air Force. Once with the Air Force, his father competed in the service's tournaments. "He was one of the best players with the Air Force during the 50s," said Kyker. "He instilled the love of the sport in me; he gave me the passion."

Kyker brought a rarity to the courts as he's a left-handed player. "It's not very common for there to be many left-handed players," he said. Being an oddity didn't hold Kyker back though, he played so well he earned himself a full tennis scholarship to Auburn University, AL.

"It's actually an advantage to be a left-handed player. When I hit the ball, I put an opposite spin on it than a right-handed hitter would and this usually gives them a hard time," he said.

Kyker's tennis game didn't end at graduation; in fact he unleashed his backhand in the national competition in Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 10-12. "I play on a Men's 4.5 League Tennis Team," he said. In tennis they use a rating program to form teams, for example, all players on Kyker's team are rated at 4.5. The rating scale tops out at 5.0.

"We are rated based on our ability; there is no age requirement or limitation," Kyker said.

This rating is computed by the National Tennis Rating Program. "It's designed to standardize classification of player ability," according to the United States Tennis Association Web Site.

Before being selected for the national tournament, Kyker and his team dominated at the state level. "We competed in July and we're able to walk away number one out of 50 teams," said Kyker. After state, the team headed out to regionals, where they competed against teams from five

other states, to include Utah, Montana, Nevada, Idaho and Wyoming. Upon winning at that level, the team was automatically selected to advance to nationals.

Kyker and two other members from his team had been to nationals once before in 1998 and

returned successfully with the national championship. This year they were unable to hold their competition down; however, they left the court in fifth place. "We placed fifth out of the 17 teams at nationals," said Kyker.

At nationals, the teams play two singles and three doubles matches; Kyker and his friend, Doug Goold, partner up for doubles matches. For each winning match, the team winning three out of five points wins the match.

"Going into this year's nationals, those of us who went in 1998, felt we had stronger doubles teams, however, we didn't have a great singles player," Kyker said. "Most of the top teams usually have one great singles player who can dominate in the competition."

With this year's tennis match-up behind him, Kyker is trying his left-handed tennis in a new arena. "I've been putting some time in on the mixed doubles court," said Kyker. "My girlfriend, Kelly Hanle, and I are trying to mix business with pleasure and see if we can play together." Kyker and Hanle met

on the tennis circuit about a year ago and have already won two mixed doubles tournaments in Denver. "We're on our way. Kelly is a very strong player and our games complement each other but this is generally something that takes a lot of time and effort," said Kyker.

Off the court, Kyker is making a few aces for the Air Force Reserve. Kyker has been with the reserve

since 1993 and after the events of Sept. 11, 2001 has been serving full time.

Kyker has been a vital asset to the 310th Space Group but is now moving up. In November, he's set to take over as the Program Element Monitor for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program at Air Force Space Command. The DMSP is run by 6th Space Operations Squadron, a reserve squadron with the 310th SG.

"Kyker has been with the 310th Space Group since before there was a group," said Roscoe Griffin, 310th SG commander. "He was one of the original members of our first unit and he's done everything we've asked him to from crew commander to assistant group director of operations. He's done them all very well and we wish him the best in all aspects of his future."

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